a controller, coupled to the label reader, the communication unit and the operation unit, arranged to (1) receive information from the label reader, (2) send a request to one or more of the information interfaces through the communication unit, (3) receive a response from one or more information interfaces, and (4) adjust the operation parameters of the operation unit in accordance with the response,

wherein the request and the response are formatted as documents capable of being exchanged in a distributed, decentralized environment.

9. (Amended)   An apparatus comprising:

a memory; and

a processor coupled to the memory and operative to read information from a tag, communicate the information to an information interface, receive a response from the information interface, and adjust an operation parameter of an operation unit in accordance with the response,

wherein the request and the response are formatted as documents capable of being exchanged in a distributed, decentralized environment.

13. (Amended)   The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the operation unit comprises a consumer product apparatus.

REMARKS